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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 202406

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Nie et al.

Application No. 09/405,653

Art Unit: 1641

Filed: September 24, 1999

Examiner: C. Chin

For: WATER-SOLUBLE LUMINESCENT
QUANTUM DOTS AND
BIOMOLECULAR CONJUGATES
THEREOF AND RELATED
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF
USE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Box AF
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. This response is timely since it is accompanied by a two-month extension of time for filing a response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

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AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 8, 19, 20, 22, 23, 38, and 39 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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